



Commercial Fish Business License Update

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2002 Commercial Fish Business Information Enclosed

Enclosed is your 2002 Commercial Fish Business License Information Guide and renewal application. The Guide contains the most significant law and rules affecting commercial fish business. Your current commercial fish business license expires December 31, 2001.

Renewal By Mail Or In Person

You may renew your commercial fish business license by mail or in person from one of nine Department of Fish and Game (Department) offices located throughout the State. Please remember to:

- ✓ Review the preprinted information on your application and make any necessary changes or corrections.
- ✓ Sign and date your renewal application.
- ✓ Complete the enclosed worksheet and return it with your application.
- ✓ Enclose your check or money order.
- ✓ When paying by credit card, sign the credit card authorization form and include the expiration date of the credit card and your daytime telephone number on the worksheet. Credit cards are accepted at all Department offices.

Menlo Park Office Move

The Menlo Park office has moved to 350 Harbor Boulevard, Belmont, California 94002. To contact the Belmont License Counter call (650) 631-7730.

Street Address of Commercial Fish Business Required

The street address of the main plant and outlets or fish receiving stations operating under the Commercial Fish Business License must be entered on the Commercial Fish Business License and/or the Declaration of Additional Commercial Fish Business Plant Locations Application. Applications received without a street address will be returned which may delay the issuance of your license.

Fisherman's Retail License

A commercial fisherman issued a Fisherman's Retail License may not use transportation receipts while transporting his or her own catch. Fish caught by a commercial fisherman, who is licensed under a Fisherman's Retail License may only transport fish under the authority of a landing receipt.

Additional Information

Please review the enclosed Guide to determine your licensing responsibility before completing your application and submitting your license fees. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact one of the Department offices listed in the Guide or on the enclosed application.

What's New for 2002

Payment of Landing Taxes

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code §8053, landing taxes must be paid quarterly to the Department within 30 days after the close of each quarter. Every person required to be licensed to receive fish from commercial fishermen and commercial fishermen licensed as Fisherman's Retailer, must submit a Quarterly Fish Landing Tax Report and Fee Report (Form FG 143A), to the Department. Tax report forms are available from the Department's Audits Branch at 1416 Ninth Street, 12th Floor, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 227-3142.

Size Limits on Nearshore Fish Stocks

Species for which there is a size limits must be sorted prior to weighing. The weight must be reported separately on Department fish landing receipts. Nearshore fish must be measured and released immediately if not in compliance with the size limits. Nearshore finfish taken in trawls and landed dead are exempt from these size limits. The nearshore species and size limits are:

Species	Minimum Size Limits (Total Length)
black-and-yellow rockfish	10 inches
gopher rockfish	10 inches
kelp rockfish	10 inches
California scorpionfish (sculpin)	10 inches
greenling	12 inches
China rockfish	12 inches
grass rockfish	12 inches
California sheephead	13 inches
cabezon	15 inches